

## Senate Resolution 1165

By: Senators Chance of the 16th and Seay of the 34th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Dr. John DeCotis on the occasion of his retirement as Superintendent of Fayette  
2 County Public Schools; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. John DeCotis has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he has played in the teaching profession and his deep personal commitment to  
5 the education of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. DeCotis has dedicated over three decades to molding young minds and  
7 challenging students through his work in the field of education as a teacher, assistant  
8 principal, principal, county-level administrator, and school superintendent; and

9 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and awards throughout his  
10 career, including the 2009 Outstanding Educator Award from the Georgia Association of  
11 Educational Leaders and was a finalist for the Georgia School Superintendents Association  
12 2009 Georgia School Superintendent of the Year; and

13 WHEREAS, an active community leader, Dr. DeCotis has served as chairman of the YMCA  
14 Board of Directors, chairman of the YMCA Aquatics Facility Development Committee, and  
15 youth leadership chairman of Toastmasters International; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. DeCotis is active in numerous civic and community organizations,  
17 including the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, the Fayette County Safe Kids Coalition, the  
18 Southern Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, the Fayette County Board of Health  
19 Board of Directors, the Fayette Youth Protection Home Board, and the Knights of Columbus;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, at the conclusion of this school year, this highly respected school administrator  
22 will be retiring from his years of devoted service at as Superintendent of Fayette County  
23 Public Schools; and

24 WHEREAS, nothing is more vital to the future of our state than the education of our young  
25 people, and Dr. DeCotis has, during his career in education, exemplified the selfless  
26 dedication and professionalism which are characteristic of our finest educators; and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of his contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly  
28 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments  
29 of this outstanding individual.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 heartily and gratefully commend Dr. John DeCotis for his sacrifice, foresight,  
32 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia, recognize the positive  
33 influence he has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state, and  
34 congratulate him upon the grand occasion of his retirement.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. John DeCotis.